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Subject: DOJ settlement with microsoft

I am a software developer of over a dozen years. During the course of these years, I have seen microsoft's anti-competitive, unethical and even illegal behaviour again and again. While the DOJ watched, hundreds of companies and enterprenuers have been robbed of success in business or been rendered out of the market by microsoft's practices. The DOJ has done precious little except propose conduct remedies time and again, which microsoft blatantly violated.

This so called 'settlement' is again in the nature of a conduct remedy and thus absolutely useless. Microsoft has profited at the destruction of many of its competitors and today has a huge cash surplus of \$30b; much of it should be spread over its numerous competitors. What is the DOJ doing to punish microsoft for its past deeds?

When a person kills another person, he can receive the death penalty but when microsoft has destroyed numerous companies, why should it not be destroyed? Also, why are the individuals of an organization that broke the law again and again and again, showing utter contempt for law be completely exempt for their actions?

Here are my proposals-

- 1) Fine microsoft to the tune of at LEAST \$10b to fund open-source projects.
- 2) Make microsoft develop filters for competing office products such as star office and koffice.
- 3) As an alternative to '1', punish all microsoft executives in the past 10 years with severe cash penalties and 'contempt of court' remedies incl jail time for not complying with court decrees.
- 4) Make OEMs not install windows by default. Customers must specifically ASK for windows and the cost of that should be separately calculated.
- 5) Item '4' shall apply to ALL software, microsoft or not. No software will be bundled with computers except those sold to businesses.
- 6) microsoft shall NOT have any contracts to make windows source available to other software companies. They can license windows source WITHOUT being forced to reveal their own source code. This practice in the past enabled microsoft to copy source code from Real networks, Sybase and many others and sell it as its own!